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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5589

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TAGS: PINS, WZ

SUBJECT: SWAZILAND CONSTITUTION; EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR
DETENTION

REF: A) MBABANE 1716; B) MBABANE 0732

1. KING'S ORDER-IN-COUNCIL NO. 39, DATED OCTOBER 5 AND
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 12, EXTENDS INITIAL SIX-MONTHS' PERIOD IN
WHICH KING-IN-COUNCIL MAY ORDER DETENTION OF INDIVIDUALS
FOR SIXTY-DAY PERIODS (REFTEL B). EXTENSION IS FOR
INDEFINITE PERIOD UNTIL AMENDED OR REVOKED BY KING.

2. DR. AMBROSE ZWANE, PRESIDENT-FOR-LIFE OPPOSITION
NGWANE NATIONAL LIBERATORY CONGRESS, HAS BEEN RELEASED
FROM HIS SECOND 60-DAY PERIOD OF DETENTION AND, ACCORDING
TO POLICE COMMISSIONER MTHETHWA, HAS NO INTENTION TO SEEK
FURTHER INCARCERATION. ALSO ACCORDING MTHETHWA, ZWANE
ADMITTED IN INTERVIEW THAT HE HAD WANTED TO BE DETAINED"
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BUT GAVE NO REAL REASON FOR SEEKING DETENTION. MTHETHWA

SPECULATED THAT ZWANE WAS INDEBTED TO CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO EXTENT THAT HE FORCED MAKE "MEANINGLESS" GESTURES. TO KNOWLEDGE OF EMBASSY, NO RPT NO INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY DETAINED.

3. CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION (REFTEL A) NOW TOURING SWAZILAND RECEIVING VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR INCORPORATION FUTURE CONSTITUTION. SITES OF HEARINGS BEING ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE BY SWAZILAND BROADCASTING SERVICE. SOME KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES PREDICTING NEW CONSTITUTION WILL BE UNVEILED ON ANNIVERSARY OF ABOLITION FORMER CONSTITUTION, APRIL 12.
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